

BARNSTAPLE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR 1955.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report :

SECTION 1 — STAFF

TABLE A

Name of officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
D. S. Valentine	Medical Officer	1934	MRCS, LRCP	
F. Johns	Port Health Inspector	1947		

Address and Tel. No. of M.O.H. Rock House, Appledore. Northam 10.

SECTION II — AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE
DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number inspected		No. of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage. infectious disease on board
			by M.O.H.	by San. Inspr.	
Foreign Ports	37	7,960	1	21	Nil
Coastwise	1,114	220,646	5	74	Nil
Total	1,151	228,606	6	95	Nil

SECTION III — CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND
TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic. Number of passengers Inwards : Nil.

Number of passengers Outwards : Nil.

Cargo Traffic. Principal Imports : Timber, Cattle Food, Slag,
Coal, Gravel, Flour, Cement.

Principal Exports : Clay, Grain, Sand.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive : Newport and Swansea.

SECTION IV — INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic : Nil.

SECTION V — WATER SUPPLY.

(1) Source of supply for (a) the district : Barnstaple U.D.W.W.

Bideford do

Northam do

(b) Shipping . do do

(2) Reports of tests for contamination—Routine test by local Sanitary Inspector.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and housepipes—Routine Inspection.

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats and powers of control by the Authority—Nil.

SECTION VI — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATION 1952.

(1) LIST OF INFECTED AREAS. (Regulation 6). Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons.

List forwarded to H.M. Customs, Appledore.

(2) RADIO MESSAGES.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13). Hartland Signal Station.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2).

Hartland Signal Station.

(3) NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO. (Regulations 14 (1) (b) Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon. Through H.M. Customs, Appledore.

(4) MOORING STATIONS. (Regulations 22 to 30).

Situation of stations, and any standing directions issued under these Regulations. Appledore Pool.

(5) ARRANGEMENTS FOR—

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox—see Section VII): Kingsley Hospital, Bideford.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts : Local M.O.H.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles. Local U.D.C.

SECTION VII — SMALLPOX.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district : Kingsley Hospital. Bideford.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority : Ambulance held by hospital ; vaccinal state 100%.

(3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available : Dr. C. Seward, Exeter.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox : County Laboratory, Exeter.

SECTION VIII — VENEREAL DISEASE.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple. Mondays 5.15 p.m.

Thursdays 5.45 p.m. Inspector informs captains of ships.

SECTION IX — CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON SHIPS.

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	—	—	—	—
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	—	—	—	—

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D.

Case removed to Kingsley Hospital, Bideford, and ship moved to Appledore Pool until Sanitary measures prescribed by Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952 have been carried out.

- (b) Any suspected case of any such disease.
As above.

SECTION X — OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

None.

SECTION XI — MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE.

None.

SECTION XII — MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats : All ships boarded by Port Health Inspector.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year: County Laboratory, Exeter ; Nil.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor : Northam U.D.C.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships :

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year *in ships from foreign ports*

Category	No.
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known ...	Nil
Sent for examination ...	Nil
Infected with plague ...	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports: Nil.

Number of Deratting Certificates issued : 2.

SECTION XIII — INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G

Inspection and Notices

Nature and number of inspections	Notices served		Results of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	

SECTION XIV — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 AND 1948.

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

Shell-fish beds at junction of Taw and Torridge polluted by sewage. Ban on sale of mussels for human consumption. A quantity being sold for bait.

SECTION XV — MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS).

(1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment.

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work.

(3) Organisation of work.

(4) Nature and amount of Aliens traffic.

(5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

SECTION XVI — MISCELLANEOUS.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

Body removed to annexe of Northam Mortuary, where Northam U.D.C. Sanitary Inspector is responsible for disposal.